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For : ATHEROSCLEROSIS SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE LOCUS 1
(ATHSQ1) AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS SUSCEPTIBILITY
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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued September 6, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 6, 2002 Office Action is due December 6, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 10-12, 37, 38, 47-50 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' rights to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in connection with the above identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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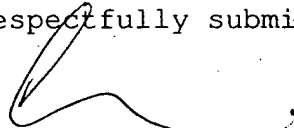
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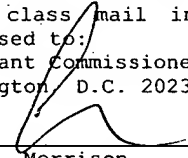
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